

The Great Spirit created Man and Woman in his own image. In doing so, both were created as equals. Both depending on each other in order to survive. Great respect was shown for each other; in doing so, happiness and contentment was achieved then, as it should be now.

The connecting of the Hair makes them one person; for happiness or contentment cannot be achieved without each other.

The Canyons are represented by the purples in the middle ground, where the people were created. These canyons are Sacred, and should be so treated at all times.

The Reservation is pictured to represent the land that is ours, treat it well.



The Reservation is our heritage and the heritage of our children yet unborn. Be good to our land and it will continue to be good to us.

The Sun is the symbol of life, without it nothing is possible – plants don't grow – there will be no life – nothing. The Sun also represents the dawn of the Hualapai people. Through hard work, determination and education, everything is possible and we are assured bigger and brighter days ahead.

The Tracks in the middle represent the coyote and other animals which were here before us.

The Green around the symbol are pine trees, representing our name Hualapai – PEOPLE OF THE TALL PINES –

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Members of the Hualapai Tribe

The Hualapai Tribal Council hosted a meeting on September 2014 to discuss proposed changes to the Hualapai Constitution.

Previous Councils have considered changing the Constitution to meet the needs of the community and have decided to ask the community members to consider the following changes to reflect our ongoing progress of building our nation.

There are three (3) questions asked on the ballot for the tribe's secretarial election. These questions concern our foremost ability to develop fundamental programs for our natural resources and environment. Our constitution limits our ability to entertain the Tribe's initiative to manage our natural resources. Tribal Council asks for removal the Secretarial approval for modifications of the constitution.

Therefore the Council asks the tribal membership to vote on three (3) issues' which bring revisions to the tribal constitution to referendum vote. This will take place on October 23, 2014, it will be in the form of a ballot question to remove the clause in the current Hualapai Tribal Constitution that requires the Secretary of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve any modifications to the Tribal Constitution, and; consider the provisional requirements involving leases involving more than one thousand (1000) acres or fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars.

We understand the importance to inform you of such an initiative and share your concerns of being included in community meetings. This issue has been discussed by previous councils and it is now time to strengthen our government's ability for self determination. This decision would ultimately empower the tribal members to further assist with making decisions for the tribal community.

The council recognizes this to be to a historical project and task, and wishes to keep it free from political influence, interference, or conflict of interest.

Hualapai Tribe

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hualapai Tribal Council proposes that Article V(n) of the Tribal Constitution be amended as follows (amendment shown by strike-through):

The Tribal Council . . . shall . . . have the following powers:

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(n) to lease tribal lands, natural resources, or other tribal assets within the jurisdiction of the Tribe, ~~provided, that leases involving more than one thousand (1,000) acres or fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars shall also need the approval of the eligible voters of the Tribe voting in a special election; and Provided, That all sales or exchanges of tribal lands natural resources or other tribal assets shall be approved by the eligible voters of the Tribe voting at a special election, and Provided, That development of natural resources shall be done in accordance with Article XI, Section 4 of this constitution.~~

and;

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Hualapai Tribal Council proposes that Article XI, § 4 of the Tribal Constitution be amended to delete the section in its entirety as follows (amendment shown by strike-through):

~~Section 4. — Limited Power to Develop Natural Resources. The Tribal Council shall not develop on a commercial or industrial basis any natural resources of the Tribe without the consent of the majority of the total number of eligible voters of the Tribe. Small scale development of natural resources involving less than \$50,000 may be approved by the Tribal Council without the approval of the voters so long as the intent of this provision is not violated. Any tribal member may enforce this section in Tribal Court which shall have jurisdiction over these matters.~~

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hualapai Tribal Council proposes that Article XI, § 4 of the Tribal Constitution be amended as follows (deletions shown by strike-through with new language shown in underscore):

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Tribe voting at an election called for that purpose by the ~~Secretary of the Interior~~ Tribal Council, Provided, That at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election; ~~but no amendment shall become effective until approved by the Secretary of the Interior or until deemed approved by the Secretary by operation of law.~~ It shall be the duty of the ~~Secretary~~ Tribal Council to call and hold an election on any ~~proposed~~ proposed amendment ~~proposed by~~ at the request of the Tribal Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the qualified voters of the Tribe.